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SUBJECT: REPORT OF HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE DELEGATION

1. ON MAY 25 REPORT WAS RELEASED BY DELEGATION OF HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS (BADHAM, HOLT, KAZEN, MITCHELL, TREEN, WHITE, WILSON, WON PAT) WHICH TOURED NATO COMMANDS APRIL 7-17. AMONG FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED REPORT RELATED TO GREECE AND TURKEY WERE FOLLOWING:

2. GREEK TURKISH SPLIT OVER CYPRUS AND AEGEAN ISSUES WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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TERMED "MOST DEPRESSING" FINDING OF TRIP. ALLIANCE CO-OPERATION WAS DISRUPTED AND PARTICIPATION OF BOTH NATIONS CURTAILED.NATO (LANDSOUTHEAST) COMMANDER RECEIVES "MINIMAL OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON STATE OF READINESS OF EITHER GREEK OR TURKISH FORCES." LATTER PARTICULARLY "SUFFERING IN MAJOR FASHION" FROM US ARMS RESTRICTIONS, WEAKENING NATO AS WELL AS TURKEY.

3. CLIFFORD MISSION WAS "IMPORTANT STEP", BUT RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES STILL UNCERTAIN.

4. TOP PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO "EARLY CONSUMMATION" OF PENDING DCA'S WITH BOTH TURKEY AND GREECE. FULL CONSIDERATION BY CONGRESS ASAP RECOMMENDED. QUOTE:US NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS IN CONCERT WITH THE NATO ALLIANCE ARE BEING JEOPARDIZED BY LINKING THE APPROVAL OF THESE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENTS TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION. END QUOTE

5. RELEVANT EXTRACTS OF REPORT WILL BE POUCHED TO ANKARA, ATHENS, NICOSIA, AND USNATO. VANCE

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